

What is claimed is:

1. A method for selecting a printed image size comprising steps of:
receiving an image;
5 calculating a range of image sizes for printing said image based on a plurality of factors;
and
selecting at least one of said image sizes in said range for printing said image.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising steps of:
10 receiving a user-preferred image size; and
determining whether said user-preferred image size is within said range.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of selecting further comprises steps of:
selecting said user-preferred image size for printing said image in response to said user-
15 preferred image size being within said range; and
selecting said at least one of said image sizes in said range for printing said image in
response to said user-preferred image size falling outside of said range.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of calculating further comprises steps of:
20 determining an aspect ratio of said image; and
calculating said range, whereby an image printed in each of said sizes in said range has
an aspect ratio approximately equal to an aspect ratio of said received image.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein said step of calculating further comprises steps of:
25 determining a resolution of said received image;
determining a resolution of a printer printing said image;
correlating said resolution of said received image and said printer; and
calculating said sizes in said range, whereby an image printed in each of said sizes in said
range has a resolution associated with said correlated resolution.

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6. The method of claim 5, wherein said step of calculating further comprises a step of calculating said sizes in said range, whereby an image printed in each of said sizes in said range has a number of pixels that is greater than a predetermined minimum number of pixels and less than a predetermined maximum number of pixels.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein said step of calculating further comprises steps of: determining an orientation of said received image; and calculating said sizes in said range, whereby an image printed in each of said sizes in said range has said orientation of said received image.

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8. The method of claim 7, wherein said orientation includes one of landscape and portrait.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of factors includes one or more of resolution, aspect ratio, number of pixels per inch of a printed image, and image orientation.

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10. The method of claim 1, wherein said steps in said method are performed by a program stored in a computer readable medium.

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11. The method of claim 1, wherein said calculating step further includes a step of calculating a range of image sizes for printing said image on at least A3 sized paper medium.

12. A method for printing an image comprising steps of:
receiving an image;
calculating a range of image sizes for printing said image based on a plurality of factors;

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printing said image in a size in said range.

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13. The method of claim 12, further comprising steps of:
receiving a user-preferred image size; and
determining whether said user-preferred image size is within said range.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said step of selecting further comprises steps of:
printing said received image in said user-preferred image size in response to said user-preferred image size being within said range; and
printing said received image in a size in said range in response to said user-preferred image size falling outside of said range.

5 15. The method of claim 12, wherein said plurality of factors includes one or more of resolution, aspect ratio, number of pixels per inch of a printed image, and image orientation.

10 16. The method of claim 12, wherein said printing step further comprises a step of printing said image on at least A3 size print medium.

17. A system operable to select an image size for printing an image, said system comprising:
at least one interface operable to receive said image;
15 a processor operable to calculate a range of sizes for printing said image based on a plurality of factors; and
a printer operable to print said image in a size in said range.

20 18. The system of claim 17, wherein said processor is further operable to calculate a range of image sizes for printing said image based on a plurality of factors and select at least one of said image sizes in said range for printing said image on said printer.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein said at least one interface is further operable to receive a user-preferred image size, and said processor is further operable to determine whether said user-preferred image size is within said range.

25 20. The system of claim 19, wherein said processor is further operable to select said user-preferred image size for printing said image on said printer in response to said user-preferred image size being within said range, and said processor is further operable to select at least one of said image sizes in said range for printing said image in response to said user-preferred image size falling outside of said range.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein said interface includes a network interface.
22. The system of claim 21, wherein said interface includes a user input device.

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